

Pap Smear

Put Prevention Into Practice

Name: _____

R_x for Prevention

Follow-up: _____

Clinician's Signature: _____ Date: _____

- A Pap smear is a test for cancer of the cervix (opening of the uterus). The Pap smear can find changes in the cells of your cervix before they become cancerous or while the cancer is easier to cure.
- Women need to have a Pap smear every 3 years, some more often.
- Tell your doctor if you have had genital warts, a sexually transmitted disease (STD), multiple sex partners, or abnormal Pap smears. If so, you may need Pap smears more often than other women.
- Your doctor may suggest stopping Pap smears if you are older than age 65 and have had regular, normal Pap smears or if you have had a hysterectomy.
- If your Pap smear results are abnormal, you may need to have the Pap smear done again in a few months. Or you may need other tests, usually done in a doctor's office.
- The cause of an abnormal Pap smear can usually be treated in a doctor's office.